

FISCAL NOTE

SB 451 - HB 1811

April 25, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes an exemption for any entities subject to regulation by the Department of Commerce and Insurance that participate in the TennCare program from the requirement to respond to a request for information concerning a complaint filed against such entity within 30 days. Removes the requirement that revenue from health care facility licensing fees is used for regulatory purposes only. Removes a provision that medically needy TennCare recipients may be provided care of lesser amounts, duration, and scope than medical services provided other Medicaid recipients.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:


Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Department of Commerce and Insurance Consumer Insurance Services will not have additional work due to the requirement changes and is estimated will not incur a significant impact.
- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities has a self supporting system such that fees are charged in an amount that covers the expenditures of the Board.
- The TennCare program would need federal authority, either through regulation or waiver approval, to provide different benefits for the medically needy population.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director